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**LIONS DONATION HELPS BURNSVILLE APARTMENT COMPLEX INSTALL
FIRE STOP DEVICES**

In 2020, the Burnsville Lions graciously donated \$5,000 to the Burnsville Fire Department to assist with efforts to aid with getting passive cooking-fire suppression devices installed in multi-family apartment residents' homes. The donation allowed the Burnsville Fire Department to purchase 145 pairs of Auto-Out cooking fire suppression devices, which in turn would be made available to help an apartment complex provide protection for their residents.

In February 2021, the Burnsville Fire Department was approached by the managers of the Stone Grove Apartment complex regarding their desire to purchase passive cooking fire suppression devices for their residents. The apartment managers indicated that they would like to purchase enough units for their entire complex, but the cost of doing so exceeded their budget. The Burnsville Fire Department offered to assist the Stone Grove management with meeting their goal of fully outfitting all of their apartments by donating the 145 pairs that were purchased in 2020.

On March 4, Burnsville Fire Inspectors Dave Linderholm and Jayson Knutson delivered the 145 pairs of Auto-Out cooking fire suppression devices to Stone Grove Property Manager, Brenda Boyd. Ms. Boyd was very happy to receive the Auto-Out devices and indicated that her maintenance staff was already installing the devices that Stone Grove had previously purchased.

"The Burnsville Fire Department has witnessed many large losses due to cooking fires in multi-family buildings," said Burnsville Assistant Fire Chief Doug Nelson. "We believe the early suppression of cooking fires combined with targeted cooking fire prevention messages is the best defense against further losses."

The Burnsville Fire Department would like to thank the Burnsville Lions for their generous donation and the management of the Stone Grove Apartment for their commitment to helping us protect their residents.

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Fire Safety Resources

The Burnsville Fire Department would like to educate all residents about the following fire safety tips:

- Never store combustible items on your stove or in your oven
- Never leave an unattended pan on the stove while cooking – shut off the heat source
- If you have a pan fire – cover the flames if safe to do so and shut off the heat source
- NEVER use water to extinguish a grease fire
- If you have a fire – call 9-1-1 immediately from a safe location
- Install passive cooking fire suppression devices above your kitchen range

Burnsville Fire offers free multi-lingual Fire Safety DVD's to residents. The video can also be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/5dnay8bb>. If you are interested in receiving a free copy of the “Keep the Burn Out of Burnsville” Fire Safety DVD please contact Fire Administration at 952-895-4570.



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Stone Grove Property Manager Brenda Boyd (left) with Burnsville Fire Inspectors Dave Linderholm and Jayson Knutson (right) during the delivery of 145 pairs of fire suppression devices.

(high resolution image available upon request)

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